

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): നിയമം അങ്ങിനെ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതു ചെയ്യാതിരിക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ചെയ്യാമെന്നുള്ളത്; ചെയ്യണമെന്ന നിർബന്ധമില്ല.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ആ ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ ഇപ്പോഴും ആ വേലകൾ ചെയ്തിക്കാതെ കിടക്കുകയാണോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതെ പറി അന്വേഷിക്കണം.

Irregularity in the sale of Salt.

269. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*):

(a) Has the Excise Commissioner sent an order, somewhere between 1096 and 1100, to the effect that the salt produced by one licensee should be sold earlier and that at that time the produce of other licensees should not be sold?

(b) As a result of this, has any of the merchants petitioned the Excise Commissioner that that licensee demanded and realised a higher rate?

(c) Has the Excise Commissioner thereupon ordered that this petitioner should not be given salt from the Tamaracolum Factory?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) and (c). The Government are unable to answer, as the question is not specific.

Shortage of brine in Tamaracolum Factory.

270. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (a) of Interpellation No. 83 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 20th Tulam 1101, in which it has been conceded that there is shortage of good brine in the Tamaracolum Factory, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the shortage of good brine in the Tamaracolum Factory;

(b) whether the recent registry of portions of the Manakkudi lake and the consequent narrowing of the lake contributed to this shortage of good brine;

(c) whether the possibilities of getting good brine have been considered when new areas were registered for salt cultivation; and

(d) whether the Government have examined the report sent by the Excise Commissioner regarding the supply of good brine, and if his suggestions will prove useful, will they be pleased to adopt them in the near future?